

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Anders ECKERBOM et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (Amended) A liquid separator according to Claim 2, **characterised** in that the water trap (1) includes two connection passageways (9, 10), and in that the holder unit (2) includes two connection devices (15, 16).--

[Amend claim 4 as follows:]

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-4. (Amended) A liquid separator according any Claim 1, **characterised** in that the holder unit (2) includes a first electric contact element (18) which functions to detect the presence of a liquid trap (1) in the holder unit and to stop the flow of sample gas to the analysis instrument when no water trap is fitted in the holder unit.--

[Amend claim 5 as follows:]